

A Meeting of the **Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists** was held on March 10, 2010 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in conference room "F" on the second floor.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Neil Malkin, O.D., Chairman
Joseph Pavano, III, OD
Henry W. Siegrist
Regina A. Strand, O.D.
Jason Van Stone

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: John Sienko, O.D.

Dr. Malkin called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

I. Minutes

The minutes of November 19, 2009 meeting was reviewed. Mr. Van Stone made a motion, seconded by Mr. Siegrist, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Department of Public Health Updates

Investigations Update

Investigations Supervisor Gary Griffin reported that there are two current investigations by DPH involving Optometrists.

The Board discussed the issue of cosmetic contact lenses being sold in retail (non optical shop) establishments. Mr. Griffin stated that the DPH routinely investigates these matters and informs the establishments as to the law regarding the selling of cosmetic contact lenses.

Dr. Strand arrived at 9:20 a.m.

III. New Business

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a License Reinstatement application for Jill S. Skinner, OD.

Dr. Pavano made a motion, seconded by Dr. Strand, to recommend license reinstatement to include practice supervision under the direction of a licensed optometrist for a period of 3 months full time or 6 months part-time. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Adjourn

Mr. Van Stone made a motion, seconded by Dr. Pavano, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Pavano, III, OD
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists

A Meeting of the **Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists** was held on **May 12, 2010** at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in conference room "E" on the second floor.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Neil Malkin, O.D., Chairman
John Sienko, O.D.
Regina A. Strand, O.D.
Joseph Pavano, III, OD
Jason Van Stone

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Henry W. Siegrist

Dr. Malkin called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

I. Minutes

The minutes of March 10, 2010 were reviewed. Dr. Sienko made a motion, seconded by Dr. Strand, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

II. New Business

Health Assistance interVention Education Network for
Connecticut Health Professionals – (HAVEN)

Maureen Dinnan, Executive Director provided the annual update regarding the Haven Program.

There are 190 individuals, comprising various license disciplines, currently enrolled in the program. No optometrists are currently enrolled.

III. Department of Public Health Updates

Legislation

Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations, Department of Public Health reported that Senate Bill 428 has a provision that requires the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists to approve all optometrist continuing education courses. Once this bill is signed the approval process for changes to the continuing education regulations will begin again.

This same bill includes a provision that allows a registered nurse to execute orders issued by an optometrists, provided such orders do not exceed the nurse's or the ordering practitioner's scope of practice.

Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Department of Public Health, Practitioner Investigations Unit reported there are two cases involving optometrist standard of care issues currently being investigated by the DPH.

Mr. Griffin also reported that the Department of Public Health routinely reviews complaints regarding the sale of cosmetic contact lenses by unlicensed individuals.

IV. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Neil Malkin, O.D., Chairman
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists

A Meeting of the **Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists** was held on **September 15, 2010** at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in conference room "E" on the second floor.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: John Sienko, O.D.
 Regina A. Strand, O.D.
 Joseph Pavano, III, OD
 Henry W. Siegrist
 Donna Tommelleo

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Neil Malkin, O.D
 Jason Van Stone

Dr. Sienko called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

I. Minutes

The minutes of May 12, 2010 were reviewed. Dr. Sienko made a motion, seconded by Dr. Strand, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Department of Public Health Updates

Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Department of Public Health, Practitioner Investigations Unit reported there are five cases involving optometrist being investigated by the DPH. Four involve standard of care and one involves alleged sexual misconduct.

III Additional Business

The November 10, 2010 meeting will be rescheduled to November 17, 2010

IV. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Neil Malkin, O.D., Chairman
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists

The following minutes are draft minutes which are subject to revision and which have not yet been adopted by the Board.

A meeting of the **Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists** was held on **November 17, 2010** at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in conference room "F" on the second floor.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Neil Malkin, O.D.
John Sienko, O.D.
Regina A. Strand, O.D.
Donna Tommelleo

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Joseph Pavano, III, OD
Henry W. Siegrist
Jason Van Stone

Dr. Malkin called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

I. Minutes

The minutes of September 15, 2010 were reviewed. Dr. Sienko made a motion, seconded by Dr. Strand, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Department of Public Health Updates

Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Department of Public Health, Practitioner Investigations Unit reported there are six cases involving optometrist being investigated by the DPH. Four of these cases have been sent to consultants for review..

III. New Business

Meeting Dates for 2011

Following are the meeting dates scheduled for 2011.

February 16, 2011

May 11, 2011

September 21, 2011

November 16, 2011

All meetings will be scheduled for 9:00 a.m., at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

IV. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Neil Malkin, O.D., Chairman
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists